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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Montana Fish, Wildlife, & Parks (FWP), Region 1, has completed an environmental assessment (EA) for the purpose of accepting the donation of 13 acres of land with improvements northeast of Kalispell, Montana, near the Whitefish River for the purpose of establishing a fishing access site (FAS). The improvements would include a 5-acre pond, access and service roads, an entrance security gate, parking lot, picnic area, vault latrine, and perimeter fencing. A cash contribution of \$20,000 from the Montana Fish and Wildlife Conservation Trust would be made to the landowner on behalf of FWP towards the property's donated value.

The draft EA was out for public review through Wednesday, October 27, 2010. Nine comments were received during the comment period, all in support of Alternative B, to accept the donation. Based on the EA and public comment, it is my decision to recommend to the FWP Commission that the department proceed with the proposed action, Alternative B, to accept the donation of the Pine Grove Pond for inclusion into the FAS program.

Sincerely,

David Landstrom
Regional Parks Manager

Enclosure

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*Environmental Quality Council, PO Box 20, Helena, 59620-1704
*Dept. of Environmental Quality, Planning, Prevention & Assistance, PO Box 200901, Helena, 59620-0901
*Dept. of Environmental Quality, Permitting Compliance, PO Box 200901, Helena, 59620-0901
*Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, Director's Office – Reg Peterson; Wildlife – Steve Knapp
*DNRC, PO Box 201601, Helena, 59620-1601 (Patty Greene)
*DNRC, Bob Sandman, Kalispell
*Montana Historical Society, SHPO, 225 North Roberts, Veteran's Memorial Building, Helena, 59620-1201
*Montana State Library, 1515 East Sixth Ave., Helena, 59620-1800
*Adam McLane, Montana Environmental Information Center, PO Box 1184, Helena, 59624
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*Wayne Hirst, Montana State Parks Foundation, PO Box 728, Libby, 59923
*Montana State Parks Association, PO Box 699, Billings, 59103
*Joe Gutkoski, President, Montana River Action Network, 304 N 18th Ave., Bozeman, 59715
*Representatives Jon Sonju, Cheryl Steenson, Dee Brown, Mike Jopek, Scott Reichner, Mark Blasdel, Keith Regier, and Bill Beck
*Senators Verdell Jackson, Ryan Zinke, Bruce Tutvedt & Greg Barkus
*Flathead County Commissioners, 800 S Main Street, Kalispell, MT 59901
Interested Parties

*E-mailed